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Green Day

by Chris Neal

On March 17th Augustana held its first ever Green Day in order to raise awareness and celebrate environmental sustainability on campus. The date choosing for the event was quite fitting as it was in conjunction with the already very green St. Patrick's Day.

Events were held throughout the day all over campus to spark interest in the green movement. This included an array of information booths in the Chapel Lobby. One of such booths included the Augustana Bike Co-op, as shown on the right. The Augustana Bike Co-op was started earlier this school year as an ENV 120 project and has been very busy getting a bike rental co-op system up and running. The idea is that users of this service will pay a minimal membership fee and in return they will be able to borrow bicycles for their own personal use. Quite similar to how you would borrow a book from a library. This initiative will not only reduce students' reliance on vehicles, but also provide some good exercise and support the Camrose biking community. *continued on page 2*



Pictured above at the Augustana Bike Co-op booth Gaelen Pierce (left) and Chelsea Halvorson (right)



Winners of Onesimus Award (not in order): Russell Ault, Halley Bailey, Krystal Gallamore, Kaitlyn Ganser, Cortnee Gauvreau, Andrea Harasimiuk, Alicia Hurley, Maggie McBride, Mairi Irene McCormack, Deirdre Primeau, Leanna Trefry, Adam Vranas (Missing from photo: Matthew Barron-MacFadden, Danielle Fostey, Jamie Jacobs)

Augustana Leadership Awards

On Monday March 30th Augustana held its annual Leadership Reception. Students, faculty, and staff were honoured for their significant contributions to the Augustana institution and community.

Pictured above are the winners of the Onesimus Service Award. The Onesimus Award is presented to a select group of third and fourth year students in recognition of their significant contribution to the welfare of Augustana. The award takes its namesake from the servant of the Apostle Paul and Philemon.

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University of Alberta President Reappointed for a Second Five Year Term

by Nihal Tiitmarer



U of A's President Dr. Indira Samarasekera

University of Alberta President, Dr. Indira Samarasekera, the good lady who called our campus "the jewel," has been reappointed for a second five years term, which will come to an end in 2015. The university board of governors, the highest governing body, voted on March 27th to have her for other five years. If you do not remember her calling our campus a jewel, you may remember those warm fall days eating pizzas with her outside in the quad. Now that she has been given five more years, you can expect five more times to eat pizzas with us and talk about how Augustana can live to its true meaning of being a jewel.

"Ultimately great universities are defined by the

quality of students who want to go to it, and we are up there with all the best universities already," she said in a statement published on her website following her reappointment. "We've made great progress in the last few years. We have the talented people—staff, faculty and students."

Dr. Samarasekera spent over 30 years at the University of British Columbia before becoming the 12th President of the University of Alberta in 2005. She led the university through the final years of its first century and into the first years of its second century.

"Here's to the university's second century! I am thrilled by the

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Above: Vicki Cole, Educational Promotions Coordinator, City of Camrose

Below: Erin Rix (left) and Meghan Lindholm (right) enjoying the events hosted in the Chapel



Movies About Math

Pi (1998) Sean Gullett, Mark Margolis

Patterns exist everywhere: in nature, in science, in religion, in business. A man is searching for these patterns in everything.

Proof (2005) Anthony Hopkins, Gwyneth Paltrow, Jake Gyllenhaal

The daughter of a famed mathematician must deal with a mystery her father left behind and an important mathematical proof.

Contact (1997) Jodie Foster

A radio astronomer discovers an intelligent signal broadcast from deep space. Mathematics is seen as the means of communication with an alien civilization (through prime numbers).

Stand and Deliver (1988) Edward James Olmos

A true story based on a math teacher who motivates a class of East L.A. students to pass an Advanced Placement Calculus test.

Primer (2003) Brandon Blagg, Keith Bradshaw

A couple of engineers, in the process of an entrepreneurial endeavour, unexpectedly find a method to travel back in time.

October Sky (1999) Jake Gyllenhaal, Chris Cooper

A young man struggles to earn a college scholarship in order to not end up working in the coal mines.

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The City of Camrose even brought out a booth to the event to raise environmental awareness. Camrose's recycling depot, Centra Cam, is located at 4402 - 51 Ave. and their phone number is 679-4196, if you are interested in recycling any recyclable materials. As a result of the efforts of the Camrose community 2 312 295 kg of materials were diverted from the Camrose Landfill in 2008. One of the messages of the booth was that recycling is easy and that it can have a large impact if everyone does their part. Items that are recycled at Centra Cam are paper, cardboard, fluorescent tubes, glass, electronics, tin cans, plastics, paints, and batteries. Other avenues for recycling could also include donating used clothing, furniture, and household items as well as returning any unused medications to your pharmacist for proper disposal. The possibilities for recycling are endless.

Other booths included information regarding the bird population in the Camrose area and the health of the Battle River Watershed. However, the presenters were away at lunch at the time and we couldn't find out any specific information. The booths looked good though.

At noon a documentary entitled "Garbage: the Revolution Starts at Home" (2008) was shown in the chapel for anyone who wanted to take a break from the events of the day. The movie took a normal Canadian family and had them keep their garbage for 3 months to find out how much waste we actually produce.

The events from Green Day '09 were a nice change of pace for the students and staff at Augustana and hopefully we will see Augustana leading the way in environmental sustainability.



Above: Booth regarding bird populations in Camrose Area.

Below: Booth presenting the health of the Battle River Watershed.

Unfortunately the presenters were away for lunch : (



Empty Space. Ahhhhhh !!!!!!!

Leadership Awards not Given in Considerations of all Aspects of Student Leadership Involvement on Campus

by Nhial Tiitmamer

Glowing praises, big hugs and standing ovations characterized Augustana Campus leadership reception held on March 30th to honor those who have been deemed to have gone the extra mile in serving the campus community. The ceremony had an air of pomp, something you would only see during some of the prestigious award ceremonies. Mark G. Chytrcek, Augustana Campus Director of Student and Residence Services, called it "Augustana Oscar!" That would have been a befitting description if all the winners were more deserving!

In his opening remarks, Dr. Roger Epp, Augustana Campus Dean, said high school mentors have now started to send students with leadership qualities to Augustana because we are a place where student leadership is recognized. Dr. Epp praised students for their initiatives such as IDPs simulation camp and Bike Co-op initiative.

The IDPs simulation camp was set up by the Walk for Darfur Club in February during the International Week to raise awareness about the suffering of the displaced civilians in the Sudanese region of Darfur. It was an amazing exemplary leadership. Bike Co-op initiative has been started by a number of students to provide fellow students with an alternative mode of transportation that is

cheap, healthy and environmentally friendly. No doubt, our dean is a keen observer of student leadership on campus.

What is very ironic is that those folks who were involved in the Walk for Darfur Club and Bike Coop Initiative were not recognized with any of the awards with the exception of Patrick MacDonald. The awards' committees did not give the awards in considerations of all aspects of student leadership on Campus. It recognized those who work for the residence services and those who have something to do with the Augustana Chaplaincy. Anyone who has either been involved in the Augustana Students' Association (ASA) or in clubs' activities was not recognized. It also happened last year. It looks like a continuous trend.

Anyway, congratulations to the award winning residence assistants and chaplaincy useful folks! It matters who sits on these committees to decide who deserves the awards. Poor ASA executives and councilors, it looks like those on the awards committees cannot see your leadership qualities although you have been sacrificing your study times in order to provide students with one of the experiences I have ever seen. Continue with that leadership.

I am telling the truth and it is all time truth unless you think that those who work for

Augustana Students' Association do not contribute to the well being of the campus.

You wonder why students' participation in student government and other related activities have sunk to an all time low. For your information, most of the clubs are not continuing next year because nobody wants to get involved in their running despite the fact that ASA has been putting aside some funds for their operations. People do not want to be ASA president and VPs or clubs executives. Imagine only one ASA position had a challenger in the last elections. It looks like the most popular job now on campus is to be an RA. Things that can motivate students to get involved should be spread equally to all sectors of students' involvement.

I think something needs to be done for our campus to be truly a place where student leadership is recognized. I think there should be a balance on the leadership award committees. The composition of the awards committees should include some members from SA, as well as from international students. Leadership reception also looks like an exclusive club of some insiders. All students should be invited to attend so that they get inspired by their fellow students. Last but not least, the campus should create more leadership awards if it needs to make leadership as a part of its strengths.

SA Events

BBQ in the Quad

April 9th @ 5:00pm

Come early to get all the Hot Dogs, Hamburgers, and Veggie Burgers you could ever want.

Last Class Bash

2009!!!!!!!!!!!!

When: April 9th

Theme: the 1950's

Time: 10pm - 2:30am @ the CRE

Bussing will be provided all night to and from the CRE from the front doors of the Faith and Life Centre. Bring \$10 to get in and a government issued ID.

TWO LIVE BANDS: "Forever a Bridesmaid" and "The Stills", PLUS A DJ.

O-Team

Signup now to be on the O-Team for the upcoming fall semester. Registration sheets are posted in the Cafeteria and the Classroom Building.

U of A's President reappointed

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opportunities lying before us," she said.

Dr. Samasakera recognizes the challenges of present time brought by the current world financial crisis and fierce competition among the research intensive universities at the international level.

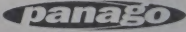
"Our attitude is optimism rooted in reality. We have made progress and have tremendous momentum. This is not the time to blink, but to be bold, and build on the strong foundation of excellence laid over the last century."

Editors Signing Off

It has been a great privilege to serve for two years as your dag editor. I thank colleagues who have worked with me for their outstanding team work. I am glad to be moving next year to F207 as your ASA VP Communications and External Affairs. Congratulations to the up coming editors. You are about to begin one of amazing experiences you can ever get at Augustana Campus. Thanks, Nhial Tiitmamer Kur.

Chris Neal says goodbye. It was fun while it lasted. Here's to the times we can't remember and the people I'll never forget. Good luck in the future everybody.


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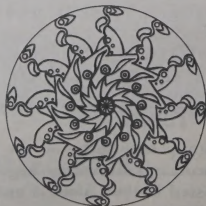
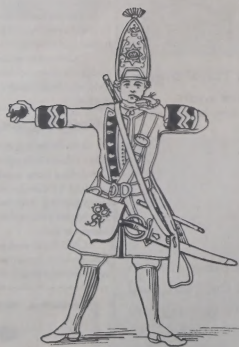
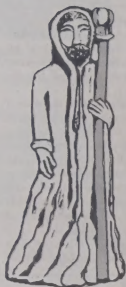
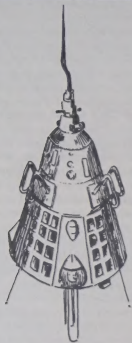
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Chl:Calvin's Clime and

Martha's Steward

by Graham Haiso

My mom agrees with the meaning of this - apples to oranges. I offer her Bless and I thank her for her support. You know, she finds this a much better read than that, to which I've replied. Once I told her she was the most selfish person I know. She rebutted, "No. Your grandmother is." I rest my case. Role models - so important for children.

Not so Recently, a selection of our most lovely English words found themselves in fortune to be sewn together and tucked gently among our lives, as thoughts forever upon our self. "NAY!!" You might very well charge. And I in my bathrobe would fully confess, Yay!!! For young or old as I might be, I give ever thought to these words as I have felt their message and I was by their might at birth forever changed though out of my words some may create names. Words. Provisional territory. Thoughts... lightly smothered in rich, Belgian chocolate... sorry.

But wait!! We offer in exchange unto you many a word from so many a voice!!! Perhaps these words would find you more of your choice? Here you can see, revealed is my trick, for without each voice these words do not stick. There is yet a part to find of this quest. A buffet...? No worries. I'll show you. I've known it best.

Though some would baffle any slight of besige before bearing witness, with their words I believe, I ask of your ear pray you simply must see. Only share compass. I offer you peace. "And what of your peace?" I sense of your theory. A face struck in awe, my friend have no worry. I have but few spaces my puzzle is wrought, by words lost for meaning to blemish my thoughts. Put forth in this passage I proffer debate. The words are of rigor, a critique, not hate. Allow first a moment. Recall what you know while I'll offer a change to the tempo of flow. It's not of destruction, nor is it to late. It's simply permitted philosophic debate. I haven't much time, not even a part. For racism!! Sexism!! Seriously...!!? Where do I start?...Honestly. I won't hardly.

For all those who are tired of seeing ANYONE suffer silently or openly under racism, sexism or abuse of any kind and wish to move on from prejudiced, discriminatory attitudes which any person might perpetrate; please, do continue.

In order to explain some perspectives. P.W.O.

Quotes from: Something you need to know - February 2009 Dagbladet

1: "Society has come a long way in regards to understanding the magnitude of prejudice." agreed, new generations, new ideas & attitudes

2: "It's the magnitude of their reality that eludes most." agreed

3: "If you are a white male in this country..."

4: "I'm sure most would agree that prejudice and discrimination are very real." yes

5: "There will always be people who feel the need to hate, to drag down another group of people." agreed

6: "It's an all encompassing way of thought" - no argument

7: "If you are a white male in this country..."

8: "To say that one of these perspectives has no value, to dismiss outright is no better reason than it isn't yours, or that the majority is not reasonable, it is counter to good reason, and the development of ideas and knowledge." - is denigration of an entire group or an individual not a means by which to "dismiss outrightly"? Diminishing "value" in the very least?

9: "You don't understand" - perhaps it's that we don't understand each other

10: "If you don't behave like a sexist jerk, then the language is not directed at you."

11: "If you are a white male in this country..."

12: "You may disagree with me, you may think I'm a casualty of the anti-race rhetoric of radical feminism." see response to quote #8 - P.W.O. 2 of this piece/peace.

13: "Here comes the most important part: THIS IS NOT YOUR FAULT. NO ONE IS BLAMING YOU FOR IT!" - I ask: Who instilled such negative beliefs in you? Racist, sexist attitudes can be held and exercised against one's own sex and race. And to outrightly dismiss it nonetheless; to justify it even. Discrimination should not exist for anyone, anywhere, for ANY reason.

14: "when we subscribe to an idea very deeply, criticism can be hard to take. But it is necessary to take if we value this academic community within which we live. If we value our very freedom of thought." So long as it isn't an idea or an act of criticism endorsing the denigration or abuse of a group or individual, nor to disparage and eliminate further academic critique - agreed, & greatly valued.

15: "Let the ideas I've presented here linger in your brain for a while, apply them to any daily situation, especially ones you may not consider to contain any elements of sexism or prejudice."

16: "No matter how many minds I change, my position doesn't change, doesn't improve."

17: "It is simply what I think needs to be said."

It is permitted to question any component of any philosophy. This is not sexist, nor a crime. This is academia. For your theory on anonymity; look up William Tyndale - tell me he was wrong to do it. Perhaps your generalizations about explain the need to do it today. Sometimes, suffering calls for such relief. Take the various movements of the 60's; any anonymity in info transfer to share needed words? Would you be able to call that wrong? I question your theory to generalize against it as such today. Or, is it just the strength of the message that necessitates this disparagement? To understand, chapter 2 of this work needs to pass through your hand. And I'm sorry to say but you must partake in all of my plans. Until we get past that we've no need to elaborate, nor make our conclusions - that would be haste. My beliefs incorporate the two. Some of what you follow; with a brave selection of new varieties - until further progression of course (ever-changing world).

Even a modern interpretation of the world/life/and anything else deserves critique. This is how we progress. I will offer you a look, but until you view the research as support, there shall be nothing but aimless terms to purport. Leave judgments behind. Hear the other perspectives, then research and prove it wrong. THAT is academic dialogue, not denigration of any group or individual. Disparagement is not "all perspectives". Example. Replace "white male" in your writing with any other race or sex and speak in such a manner; we would call that abuse. Tell me again. How does this your theory excuse? Suffering under it, I feel there can be none. We know each other, tell me, what is my crime? I adhere to perspectives, listen my best. I offer - give the first chapter your test.

Appreciate ALL people who do not adopt sexist or racist attitudes, regardless of who promotes them, or whom they hurt. And for all the professors on campus: I value ALL of your efforts. I ask now: were you suggesting that the white, male professors on our campus have not worked in their lives as other people have? I feel that such comments completely belittle any efforts our professors, or other males might make in life let alone efforts everyone might make in changing the world for improvements. Their dissertations, the years of research... all of their dedication to society to this community, to their families, to their positions and to students such as yourself, is summed up with "privilege"? I don't believe they were GIVEN their Ph.D.'s, do you? From whom did you learn such generalized, one-sided opinions? They've helped me, and you? You speak of all perspectives yet you pervert an entire group. I don't think you understand what you are doing to other people in voicing such harmful, prejudged views. Have you considered all of their perspectives? Because, as you said, "there are things your perspective does not allow you to fully understand, even," for all of us. Have you sought their perspectives? All across this country as you said? Or have you only listened to one view? Observe how incongruent your points are with the message you purport. If you can, student to student, show the same with yours. Ialand built this, with many a teach: years of perspectives and my own added research. (Chpt. 2 included)

I think you are generalizing against, and attacking millions of people that you have never known. I've been told by gender-studies professors on campus that generalizing is a big no-no in Feminist theory. Re-read what you wrote. It's worse than the article a few years ago that said there were no decent men in all of Alberta (race wasn't singled out). I want to continue enjoying the company of all the wonderful people I know - regardless of sex, race or anything else. There are many admirable women here - I speak to them most every day and I love their company. However, no male or female wishes to traverse the campus wondering or reading about generalized, discriminatory opinions against them. I wish to grow those relations, not see them strained by ideas that allow someone to proliferate abusive views. I DISSENT. It's my right. I'm against abuse. It's not against people, it's against sharing generalized, negative attitudes that manifest in real life. I choose to love all. P.W.O. for life. Philanthropic World Order. There is no denial of great problems in our world here; however, they can't be attached to an entire group.

Lets apply your privilege theory to the next homeless man we see. Why has his system repeatedly failed him for centuries if only he leads? (You said he's privileged above ALL not like him in this ENTIRE land) Ask him how it feels. I see rich families that play you and me. Perhaps we could continue digging and see some of the white (& non-white & women) Canadians you spoke of who are overseas, risking the privilege of their very lives in a struggle along side males and females of other cultures for the freedom of perspectives that they have never known. And my father; for example, usually spent 10-16 hours a day, year round, outside in Albertan weather to do his part supporting a family of 5 children. He passed on the love of the cold weather, in those days. Please go explain to him how you theorize that position to be his privilege. Ask him what he may have inadvertently missed out on. Furthermore, two of my brothers are volunteer firefighters (bless the lot) in this very city - born and raised - and again, NO PAY. They risk life and limb so that others might enjoy the gift of breath they wish so dearly to keep. How do their families' \$100 000's of dollars in home/auto/small business debt couple with their volunteer time and this "privilege" they have over ALL of those not like them in this ENTIRE land? That's quite a theory my friend. From whom did you learn it? I'd call that denigration in the very least. It is verbal and psychological abuse. Moreover, I believe you compare "apples to oranges" - Mom put it best. She knows some theory and experience.

I'm \$65,000 in debt to the government and banks. I take food donations from time to time - several days ago was the last (bread again, yay!) I also give food and bits of money to homeless persons during times when I have some to spare - perhaps having experienced a lack of money at times in my life allows me to relate to their perspective and share when I barely have for myself. (What if I become a professor? - privilege?) I borrow a truck, is this maybe it? Misfortune befalls all at times. Unemployment, debt and no loans. I couldn't pay my rent for this month, nor can I purchase food at this juncture - I'm not privileged with this money thing at the moment. And you're saying only white males might be more privileged than I am in this entire, modern, free-market society? Are you suggesting I'll get a discount on my \$53,000 in student loans because of my white and gender? I don't believe it. I don't want the handouts too? Please don't presume that this means I have no empathy for extreme poverty or any struggles others face. That would be improper use of language (see chpt 2). My mother would surely tell you different as she knows my perspective quite well.

Once, I saved up and rented an expensive limo for a girlfriend's birthday - we had a really nice time - but it doesn't take me from my morning, 5-star, whatever-I-want breakfast to an ivy-league school. The males in your class may have dreams of "go in home" to teach social studies or physical education, of getting married and becoming good fathers and friendly neighbours to the kids and adults in their community. They aren't all aspiring to climb a super-imposed, white male only, social ladder to the top position of Governor General of Canada some day. I like Michelle. I hope she says a while, she's eloquent. (and it's nice to see Harper have to ask for things. Did I just say I'm not a Conservative? Nah). And to add, they are not all trying to enter parliament to make questionable laws (all laws are); it's a perspective thing, which arguably happens regardless of the minister in charge. They're the males of any race, religion, culture or orientation around you; are the guys opening doors for people on campus (as do others). They're saying good day and offering to help you with what they can.

We all cause each other problems, true. I'm no exception, but I believe as many others do that some things need to be cherished in this world. Like family. I'd love that myself one day, as many of us would. As an aspiring father; if we raise children in a culture that accepts the proliferation of discrimination against ANY race, sex, or person - including in a free academic setting such as this - then all of our children will lose. We're trying to stop this for all; today and for future generations. Children will have no role models to aspire to if all women are "bimbos", just as if all men are "bozos" - or other negative terms/stereotypes that apply to either (see your T.V. for examples). Generalizing about people or disparaging theoretical arguments (chpt 2) for that matter, does not progress society, nor academia. We can overcome and not promote prejudiced, hurtful attitudes and acts of others and work together or continue to support their positions and create wedges between all of us as we, and greater humanity suffer their weight. We can progress, it's only positional.

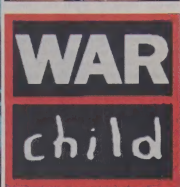
Climb for Darfur

by Patrick MacDonald

On Wednesday March 18th for twelve hours a group of Augustana students participated in an event to raise awareness and money regarding the genocide in the Darfur region of Sudan. With live music provided by DJ Rub Doff fuelling the climbers, and the smell of chalk in the air, teams of three to four raced up the wall as many times as they could throughout the day. The competition heated up in the last few hours of the event, but the original cause was not forgotten, which was raising awareness for a terrible situation. The Walk for Darfur club provided a kiosk displaying information about the crises in Darfur.

More now than ever, people should become involved with this situation as Sudanese President Omar al-Beshir recently expelled 13 international aid groups from Darfur after the International Criminal Court issued an arrest warrant for him on March 4 for alleged war crimes in Darfur. According to the United Nations, 300,000 people have died and more than 2.2 million fled their homes since ethnic minority rebels rose up against the Arab-dominated Khartoum government in February 2003.

At the end of the night 2187 meters were climbed, which is equivalent to one quarter of the way up Mount Everest. The PACE team, aka "Team Ryan Mason Sucks" came out and crushed the completion by climbing more one third of the total distance. In the end about 500 dollars was raised for War Child. This money mostly came from students as well as the wall supervisors who donated their wages. For more information about War Child please visit www.warchild.ca. For more information about the crisis in Darfur visit www.savedarfur.org. Thanks to the climbing wall supervisors who donated their time and energy to help facilitate this event.



The thing with politicians is they're always ahead of the game, never really in the game.
-Jamaican Proverb

Augustana Choir Year in Review

by Chris Neal

The Augustana Choir has been a busy bunch over the past year and things haven't slowed down yet. This year's theme has been British music and the choir has learned a large repertoire of British works spanning over 500 years.

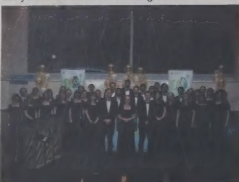
At the start of the year, to ease into the formation process of this new group, the choir spent a weekend cramped together in September as part of their annual fall retreat. Here the potential for this group began to take shape and it was clear this was going to be a very successful year for the choir.

On Halloween the choir had their first performance of the year in Red Deer at Music Conference Alberta. The first home concert of the year happened at late November's winter concert. Here the choir teamed up with Sangkor and the Augustana Men's Chorus for a diverse concert and a depiction of Dickens' "A Christmas Carol". In late January the choir visited Edmonton to perform at the U of A's festival of teaching and learning. The choir also had the fortune to receive a special workshop with well-known conductor Simon Carrington.

One of the most notable events of the year was the presentation of Henry Purcell's tragedy "Dido and Aeneas" in March. This was the first full length opera ever performed at Augustana, and it was incredibly successful as it rocked the socks off of everybody in attendance.



Choir at annual fall retreat, near Sylvan Lake, where this year's musical revolution began.



Choir poses for a picture after performing at the U of A's festival of teaching and learning.



The choir is calm and collected backstage before a performance.



An artistic portrayal of Henry Purcell's famed opera "Dido and Aeneas."

Right now the choir is gearing up for their spring concerts on April 25th and 26th. This will be followed by a week long tour of the local area. Tour spots include such scenic stops as Wetaskiwin and the bustling metropolis of Bawlf.

Next year the choir will have another action packed campaign as they will have a performance tour throughout parts of Eastern Europe including Hungary.

Augustana Leadership Awards (continued from front page)



Lawrence Decore Award Winners

Cortnee Gauvreau, Adam Vranas, Russell Ault, Neil Loonen.

The Lawrence Decore Award for Student Leadership is funded and administered through the Alberta Heritage Scholarship Fund. This award honours Laurence Decore, a 'true leader' who, after graduating from the University of Alberta, established a law practice. He went on to serve on the Edmonton City Council, later became Mayor of Edmonton, and then won the provincial Liberal leadership, serving as the Liberal Leader of the Opposition. Laurence Decore also served as the chairperson of the Canadian Multiculturalism Council.

This award recognizes students who demonstrate outstanding dedication and leadership to fellow students and to their community through involvement in student government, student associations, clubs, and/or organizations.



Betty Osterud Award for Faculty Winner

Karsten Mundel

Betty Osterud Award for Staff Winners

Food Services Staff presented by SA VP of Student Life Kelsey Radis



The Betty Osterud Award was created by the Students' Association to recognize both a member of the faculty and of the staff who have given of themselves tirelessly to the benefit of students and the institution as a whole. The award is named after Betty Osterud who was a longtime staff member of Camrose Lutheran College and who truly demonstrated outstanding service to the Campus community. The name of the institution has changed but the strong impact faculty and staff have to the Augustana Campus continues.



Heather Huber Memorial Award Winner

Patrick MacDonald presented by SA President Thomas Mauthe

This award, established by the Students' Association, as an honour and memory of Heather Roxanne Huber who contributed greatly to the life and community of Augustana. In her one year here as a student, she was involved in many activities on and off campus and her vibrant and energetic personality was felt by all.

This award is to be given each year to a 3rd or 4th year student (preferably graduating in the spring) who has contributed greatly to the Students' Association by way of leadership either in clubs/committees, councils, fine arts, or athletics.

How to Defend the Earth from an Asteroid

By Corey Trevor

On March 2 an asteroid roughly the size of a skyscraper passed within 66 000 kilometres of the Earth. This is considered to be quite a close call and the Earth is in store for a few more close calls in the future. In 2029 an asteroid named Apophis will pass within 6 radii of the Earth's center and is predicted to miss. However there is a 1 in 43 000 chance that it will pass through a "gravitational keyhole" and will hit the Earth on April 13, 2036. A separate devastating asteroid is expected approach near the Earth on March 16, 2880.

Since we are sitting ducks in space and some feel it is just a matter of time that we will be hit with an asteroid the International Academy of Astronautics is holding the first ever Planetary Defense Conference: Protecting Earth from Asteroids from April 27-30, 2009 in Grenada, Spain. Here are some possible ideas for rerouting an asteroid on a collision course with Earth.

1. A direct nuclear explosion as seen in the movie *Armageddon*. This is considered a last ditch option as the pieces may still hit the Earth.
2. A nearby nuclear explosion might be able to move an asteroid off course. This would be done decades before the asteroid ever reached the Earth.
3. Laser sublimation is a process where several spacecraft would use machines to direct beams of sunlight to an icy asteroid causing it to discharge debris and change course.
4. If a spacecraft could land on an asteroid, it could start some rockets and push off the asteroid and change its course. This process is called electric propulsion.
5. Since every object exerts a gravitational pull, by hovering a single spacecraft above an asteroid could slowly change the course of an asteroid over a long period of time.
6. A photon-catching sail, called a solar sail, could potentially be installed on an asteroid causing the asteroid to literally sail towards a new trajectory.

No matter how far fetched or far into the future this may be, these approaches address a potentially serious issue. However how unlikely it may be that an asteroid will hit the Earth in the foreseeable future it is probably prudent to have some sort of discussion on the matter.

Ch2: Philanthropic Philosophy

By Graham Halso

Care Bears... I miss seeing those furry little role-models on T.V all the time. Lovin up the world like that - drama for children. Now we get Teletubbies... what!?! Media. Respect for all. I'm here with free cookies and juice but first there's that small... favour you owe me. It pays back in droves. You're here to offer it no? This is about understanding each other - yes I'm in love, though she and I may never come to share that knowledge. Of course might we know not philosophy... but to my point; on-line produce. I'm barbecuing. What would you like?

Look at it all first, then decide. Foolish is it to not add to today's ideas and teachings - this is how we learn and progress - this is why we are here. More foolish to disparage; as a friend, whom I've never met might write that is not "reasonable dialogue." If you wish to simply understand, to improve the world, denying a view of the voices below proffers you no better state; much to the contrary. It brings me no weight. They have materials in our library as well. It's not yet a violation to read and research.

As this whole Auggie campus plays study or works: *Today... New Philosophy passage for birth.* I challenge all voices, I dare you to look - this entire University Staff, every Instructor and student, a province or ten, go on then. Share this with your family, your neighbours and friends. Have some long looks... but see it to end. Passing go in itself won't qualify critique; nor disparaging language - it's the facts we all seek.

This quest to your folly does present itself most treacherous to close thought. I have a personal voice, a web made thereof, woven, but wait! Let us accuse *New Philosophies* of hate. I see not fully equal with your message. Tid' "my perspective". I offer you a number more. Not only mine is it here, but seven plus two or four. They will show my point, fair in the open. Lifetimes of research though not all your token. And; furthermore, the resulting buffet will only add answer to the problems we all make. My challenge: Here. Try some steak.

My friend, to understand the perspectives you must follow my text. You went from all in this country to America's best. I'll feel free to do the same. Though, we'll soon be one land. If that is a change. Disparagement won't stand as critique. It offends more work to all they bequeath. Belittling their logic won't work in your favor. And the muton? Medium. It meets in the middle. How's the flavour?

Please, do not allow one to tell you these are not perspectives you could seek. Do not close your ears to the sounds at your feet. Simply add them to your pile. "Improve your position". We shan't terminate philosophies through denigrating persons. - Wittgenstein had theorized the end to it's game, and though many agreed... he proved himself wrong. Or not. What's a claim?

How do you propose to show that you already know what I do and do not understand about philosophy, life, and my perspective? And I you? And anyone the next? And then place there on top race, religion or sex. We can share articulated views, that's true. For example: one could say he's just upset, a little tired perhaps. I feel abused. Not one of us fully understands the other through perspective or voice; however, to not be continuing a world of hate - this is my choice.

First an intro to further quotes... and if need be, cited you'll note. From: *Something You Need to Know* - February 2009 Duglitalte. *"These fliers that have been appearing; they claim that feminism is anti-male."* expatiating. I'll begin.

The fliers claim that Radical Feminists, in conjunction with media promotion (it sells) are pushing fallible stats that are harming, and causing neglect of boys and men, as well as proliferating attitudes like misogyny. We can't simply attach blame to any entire group. There is no denial of great problems in our world here, however, generalizing is not fair to anyone person, nor to members of a group. Dr. Christian Hoff Sommers calls this a 'war'. It is but one peaceful way to fight racial views; with strong, academic critique. Stalin feared this for example. History also tells us that "when we subscribe to an idea very deeply, criticism can be hard to take." She does some rigorous work. She, a self-proclaimed Feminist wrote *"The War Against Boys: How Misguided Feminism is Harming Our Young Men"*, which is about the influence of radical views purported in the media, poor statistical analyses used to support those views and the resulting neglect of boy's problems - particularly scholastic difficulties

- not about Feminism hating men. *"Pro-everybody"* as you said; she's helping boys too. Listen to her and she'll tell you for herself. She defends Feminism at a conference to another woman, who suggests no need for Feminism in the West any longer. Dr. Sommers says we will always need Feminism. She speaks of seeing "so much work left to do" for Feminism. She seems quite sincere to me, like all she wants is peace. *"Feminists ruin Feminism"*. <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=5XMIuQ5154> There are many more clips of her there that you need to see, expressing her 'philanthropy'. Google her, read her interviews and books. But hear her perspective and don't first disparage. She loves females, and males too. A Philanthropic Philosopher - something to which we should all aspire. No one wants to throw all of your views in the mire. Incorporation would be the best of thought. And to this philanthropy, here's one more for naught.

Dr. Warren Farrell does add some challenge to your positional philosophy. He suggests a new door or two and maybe hearing a few more perspectives. He simply thinks some are missing - critique. But again, focus on his research that gives him the reason. It crosses the same borders that I already have.

I inquired about one of Dr. Farrell's books to a mentor of mine upon a recent day. Some 40 years of gender research he has. He's started approximately 600 men's and women's groups (about half and half as he says) - 10+ years almost strictly with Women's organizations and then he started asking some deeper questions of males as well. He says most of his letters are from women thanking him for his books which have helped them to finally understand their husbands and build better relationships. He's been on Oprah 500's of other appearances, lectures and amongst 1000's of other appearances, workshops. I was told upon that every inquiry of his work that men who read such things hang them up on walls and then... we have what occurred in Montreal. That is more usage of radicalized language and opinions that denigrate, incriminate and "dismiss outrightly." That's not "freedom of thought" as you called it. The book was found in our library and from University of Oxford Press, 2007 - academic research. I'm still somebody's son. To me in that moment, it was terrible; and to members of my family and friends thereafter as well. "Criticism can be hard to take" as you said. It's about discussing these theories; we shouldn't obscure that.

At this very juncture of which I speak, as I was told of Dr. Farrell's sinful writing, only I had read the book about which we spoke - prejudged you think? That's not the "freedom of thought" we should seek. ALL USE of the language you defend with one stroke! Do you not find that foolish? It must be a joke. Language is NEVER used against people? Because I'm a male I'm privileged to never be subjected to abuse? That merits no debate. Again, you teaches us these things? From what theories do such proclamations come? Anyone's experience can prove those words wrong.

Let's hear what another perspective thinks of discussing such research. "Antipathy to Dr. Farrell's work was mostly based on prejudice and not careful reading of his work." - Dr Rory Ridley-Duff Senior Lecturer Sheffield Hallam University U.K. And of such allowed theories he adds: *"In many cases, their arguments are an evolution of, rather than a challenge to, feminist ideas on equality that developed in the 1960s".* And especially for your thoughts... *"For those with an interest in philosophy, this book represents a stage in a Kuhnian paradigm shift (a stage where new theoretical arguments are becoming so influential that they can no longer be ignored or dismissed)." <http://feministreview.blogspot.com/2007/11/does-feminism-discriminate-against-men.html>* - he's referring to those with radical views disparaging academic theories such as those of Dr. Farrell and Dr. Sommers which, they would like to propose and discuss freely in academia, (though judges) by their covers... I have seen this disparagement - with that valued personal experience you speak of.

Where to start? Male powerlessness. Weakness in men. Modern society. Yes, hear Dr. Farrell for yourself. He'll say things like "Women make much smarter career choices than men." And, "Women experience more powerlessness than men", and "men truly need to learn from women." He also defends male's perspectives, speaks about understanding and if we have such a patriarchal society today. No, it's not sexist to speak about it - language, remember. It's academic. But, you can't listen for 2 minutes and then stop and criticize - you won't understand his philosophy, nor his work. Hear his work. It's about

humanity and love, not hate. Dr. Warren Farrell: *"THE MYTH OF MALE POWER"*, I dare you partake. http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=FrGvBskgs_yoU I have to listen to it all to comment. Don't stop at one, they provide such a phenomenal voice. Opportunity is more like it. Perhaps better, Dr. Farrell's research on *"The Boy Crisis"*. <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=WMBVSESDH3I4> *philosophy-related* links to the end. It's not about taking from others, but rather giving. This is truly impacting research. Or, watch Dr. Farrell talk about *"Shared parenting and fatherlessness"* <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=gk1iu2-RyKfe> *philosophy-related*. What about Dr. Farrell and *"The wage Gap Myth"* - women and men make different career choices "on average".....????? <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=wsuimqgX-4kfe> *philosophy-related*

One must listen to all parts of these presentations to begin to understand his ideas - hours in total. Watch all the related videos there for more perspectives on it of course. There's scholars, media and people like us. We can use disparaging words and dismiss or we can listen first. Thereafter we might research to claim the stats correct, or not. Not that they're perfect, but they apply themselves well. Powerful challenge to some ideas, yes. But again, you have to look before it is wronged which is done here first by facts. Then hold them to a philosophy - test it's tracks. He doesn't seek to end things. He wishes to simply add perspective. He has groups and websites everywhere, Google him, send him a message.

Next, one last important address, with a handful of links to end - more challenge to thought... Gender Transition? You'd have to listen to some for long - working together. That's what most want.

One must listen to all parts of these presentations. People have struggled too much in the name of justice against an old, foolish world toward freedom for all to simply turn it upside down on today's generations and start all over again. This is Hyper-correction. It ruins a hope of a better world. Kathleen Parker calls this that "retributive justice" - developing generalized anger and acting on it. (Google her name and 'the males' and read her philosophies of modernity yourself)

A tangible example: If I were to tell you that most literature courses can easily have 50% female and 50% male authors today (with some specific exceptions), not seeing this done would be a sign of someone, whom we should be able to respect, dis-empowering learners and not acting responsibly with authority. I have seen this in my life. One gender wouldn't feel welcome or fairly treated perhaps. This does not support the ideal of encompassing all perspectives as you wrote, and as we all very much want to see. It's hypocritical if we don't act in accordance with the views we support. Let it be known. This is your right. See if you can spot this happening places in your life. Like, while regularly passing time somewhere; if one gender is portrayed or mentioned repeatedly in a negative way then this is not a fair and welcoming environment that you have invested your time in - it is a problem. Continuously negative comments can be abusive. Nobody wants stereotyping in any environment. Or let's say a display or group that someone maintains doesn't offer equally positive depictions of both genders on the books or posters or in the movies that it shows you regularly as you pass by or partake - question why. Inquire. Such things are readily available today. Role-modeling is important at a University age too. Our library, for example, receives plenty of academic publications and inspiring books about both genders, year round. I've read many of them. I hope the new library finds itself with a large display so that we can all see numerous, positive perspectives and depictions of both males and females each day. We can aspire to them, it's like role-model advertising. Watch for things like this. This is a world we can have. FAIR.

Links: Fathers for Justice - <http://www.fathers-4-justice.org/f4j> Dads who want to be dads - United Kingdom. POWERFUL homepage video!! - 2 minutes

Men crying, it's great.

Modern issues males face: <http://www.glennsacks.com/dart/journalist/activist>. "When I grow up my husband will murder me." This was a slogan across buses in Dallas recently with an elementary-aged girl beside it (amongst other discriminatory depictions). These were paid for by people with these 'questionable' views - to teach children of course. Would you support this? Glenn lobbies against discriminatory media as well as working on many other modern, gender-related issues. See for yourself though.

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A University of Alberta Medical Services signed by a treating physician will be required.

1. Unmarked and unnumbered, small papers, must not contain the examination room number.
2. Students may not enter the examination room earlier than five minutes before the starting bell rings.
3. Students may not enter the examination room more than 30 minutes late except with the permission of the superintendent.
4. Students may not leave the examination for the first 30 minutes unless in an emergency. Any late students must be left with the proctor.
5. Students must remain seated until they are ready to turn in their examination papers.



Professor Profiles: Kristine Nutting

What do you teach at Augustana?
Drama.

What made you first think of becoming a professor?
I had taken two years off of school, and was living in the mountains basically smoking too much weed. I had some extra money saved up and got into University. I got in, with my horrible average into a mature student program. When I got there I had this weird prof who was in a band, and taught wacky literature. She was young, and basically she liked my gawd awful poetry and writing. She really helped me learn to write (as I was basically a high functioning illiterate). That pretty much sealed the deal and ever since I had wanted to be a prof.

What is the best/worst part of being a prof?
The worst part of being a prof is working with students who have been trained since kindergarten that they have no power or say in their education. It is up to the student to get the most out of their class not the prof. The prof can only loan you information, but students can demand and direct facilitation, teaching style. But if they don't even feel they have the power to ask, they disengage, resulting in some arcane passive aggressive student teacher thing. It basically sucks if that happens, it sucks for everyone. But once students realize they can ask for what they need and that they might actually get it, the classroom is a vibrant interesting place.

If you had to be something other than a prof, what would it be?
A security guard at an art museum.

What do you want your students to know about you?
I used to live out of a car in the summer time, I got kicked out of my house at 16. Currently I am the lead singer in shock metal band called Bronto Scorpio. Our next gig is May 21st at the Empress in Edmonton.

You directed the winter drama production, a freakshow adaptation to Chekhov's "Three Sisters", which was a personal work of yours and contained some mature content not usually associated with productions here at Augustana. Was there any concern that this play was too over the top for Augustana?
Yes I was very concerned about bringing this play here, but it actually worked out.

Originally the winter drama production was going to be Shakespeare's "Romeo and Juliet", what made you decide to change this to "Three Sisters"?
I change to Three Sisters because of scheduling issues. Romeo and Juliet required more people for a longer period of time. I was booked to perform a show myself in Montreal in March, and so the process had to be shortened. I also had wanted the students to do the bulk of the writing, but we had lost some of our senior students so it all came tumbling down. I knew that I wanted the students to experience an aesthetic first and foremost, the RnJ would have been similar, so I changed to an existing text already written in the same style, at the last minute.

What inspired some of your courses?
Being really lost in Life at an early age and living basically around people who were in really abject poverty. I also went to this weird church in an old movie theatre full of society's crazies and rejects. Even other churches wouldn't take these people; I think it is those images and experiences that shaped me as an adult. Basically I am down with the rejected and dejected. Later in life I did succeed at academic life, but I realized that success is relative. If you get A's you are not necessarily a worthy person, your worth is not determined by a grade. So then I started making art and experimenting with life. This is what inspires my course work. Life experience, lots of workshops, and lots of trial and error.

What are some of the changes you've noticed around Augustana Campus, and where do you think we are going or should go?

Well one change is that we will soon be allowed to have alcohol for functions such as play openings and art shows. I think this is great, it is a great idea to be 'grown up enough' to have wine at a reception. Also I really think the Augustana students are a special breed. They are willing to be challenged, but also a tightly knit crew. It is like they are experiencing the university life we watch on TV or in movies; it is rare thing, and they (the students) are this campuses greatest asset. We should do everything we can to support them in absolutely every way.

Which of your classes do you most advise students to take? What's the most important thing you teach?
Movement 340 or drama 123. 101 is good too and it can help with other writing courses, also it is kind of fun and you get to study the deviant side of theatre.



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The snow is finally melting. This must only mean one thing ... exams. But after exams it will be summer and we will all be able to breathe a little easier. Here's a look at Augustana in the spring compared to its dreadful winter counterpart.



-The end is near

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At home: http://fathersforlife.org/Fv/Alta/rd/em_to_es_20040305.htm (Bruderheim, Alberta). Letters to Ed Stellmack about misandry in Governmental proposals and more. A case of Hyper-correction.

See renowned academic Stephen Pinker on violence and modern males. "A brief history of violence". <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ramBFR1Uzk> Are we living in more violent times? Is the media conceptualizing?

Topic: FATHERLESSNESS (Dr: Farrell addresses this briefly in a video printed above) http://www.canadiancrc.com/Fatherlessness/Fatherlessness_in_Canada.aspx look at this difficult situation and know why family and community strength matter just that much more. We all need this info. Google fatherlessness for more.

This one, I warn, is dangerous to perception. I offer some real proof of a mass stereotype (we all face them). To what do we teach our sons to aspire? Go to the hospital in this very city. Tour the emergency room. Would they feel welcome expressing they've been abused in such a place? Stereotyping? You decide. Observe the posters teaching children the truth about domestic abuse and who should commit the act. Then ask Dr. Fiebert if that's all it's about. (Or, let Dr. Helen, a forensic psychologist tell you her knowledge about domestic violence on her show. This I highly suggest -

most dangerous to closed thought! http://www.pjtv.com/video/Ask_Dr_Helen/Council_on_Women_%26_Girls%3F1620/jsessionid-abcoi97gnM91D7ZJ1dKbs.

As for Mr. Fiebert - <http://www.cslb.edu/~mfiebert/assault.htm> They're research statistics that challenge some beliefs fueling one of our stereotypes about gender. You'll find many Canadian-based publications in his on-line bibliography of 188 empirical studies and 59 reviews and/or analyses. (of course, he only paints one side's perspective. There is another one.)

Henry Makow Ph.D. clarifies; "In Canada for example, 646,000 men (6%) reported being the victim of spousal violence at least once in the previous five years (compared to 654,000 women or 7%); yet absolutely nothing is done for them. There are 300 women's shelters and not one for men. When a man is being abused, he needs a place to go." http://www.savethemales.ca/Fair_enough. He sees a hole for males in our social net and seeks to address it. I wouldn't say "absolutely nothing is done for them" though. But I ask: had anyone seen this before today? Or are you just glad someone is writing it so that others might finally see your "perspective" and work towards another change? This is not about blame, just minor corrections of opinion. If we gain understanding, we all progress. Conspiracy theorists - his site is a MUST! Not my site - but much better intentions than the Slavic Pride video. No offense dude, cool vid. Crazy stuff. There's a book about "Depictions of Russian Men in

The [Their?] Media" in our library.

And... youtube "Feminism". Watch the top 10 or more and observe the differences. It's a cultural survey of opinions. Journalists, academics, movie stars and people like us... You'll see point, counterpoint, clueless remarks and both sides showing love and hate. From "It's all them" to "why can't we relate".

Though much more is found within the maze of this perspective, I offer you the intended goal: Prosperity, Peace and Parity through Love and Understanding.

And this, is my offer. A positive portrayal - made in modernity. (they're all around you too - both sexes) Expressing ideas of expressing ideas. A unifying artist rumored repeatedly as a possible Order of Canada recipient for art (poetry; spoken word generally). I offer this as an inspiring perspective; a role-model or example thereof. P.S. Someone has to look at this artist for contemporary poetry - phenomenal! - perhaps it's just me. I'll give you a few; but it's much more worth to watch them all. He's the first non-American to win the International Poetry Slam. Smiles and tears. (see him on Myspace too) "Shayne Koyezan - Atlantis" - http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=szAsih_gnkk&feature=related Check out "Grandma's got it gain on", "People are getting better", "Apology", "Stop signs" ect. ect. (check the other ones where he's live on stage too).

PEACE

Now maybe we can all breathe?